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To: Western Weights and Measures Association Members, Colleagues, and Friends.

From: Clark Cooney, President, Western Weights and Measures Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your 2002-2003 Western Weights and Measures Association (WWMA) President!

Please schedule to register and attend the 46th Annual Western Weights and Measures Association (WWMA) Technical Conference. This year's WWMA Technical Conference is hosted by Fresno County, California, and will be held September 14 – 19, 2003, at the Piccadilly Inn University in Fresno. Jerry Prieto Jr. and his fine staff are preparing an educational, successful, and exciting conference for us. We will be updating the WWMA web site with more information as it develops. Please visit us at <http://www.westernwma.org>.

As always, there will be a number of weights and measures issues returning from the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) and many new items brought forward that effect all of us. Therefore, it is very important that as many consumer, industry, and regulatory representatives as possible attend this Conference to hear and debate these matters.

Our host has made very accommodating arrangements for this Western Conference. The Piccadilly Inn University (<http://www.piccadillyinn.com/univer.html>) is located in north Fresno across the street from California State University of Fresno. The newly remodeled Piccadilly Inn University offers complimentary continental breakfast, free parking, exercise room, swimming pool, and charge-back services at some nearby restaurants. The Piccadilly Inn University, only five miles from the airport, has complimentary shuttle service and has 17 restaurants within one mile. A 15-minute drive will take you to 3 major shopping malls or to the historic Tower District. The four-block Tower District is an entertainment district with a dinner theater, small theater, billiards, and over 15 restaurants in this 1940's era district.

Fresno County California (<http://www.fresnocvb.org/>) is in the heart of the State and is in the largest valley in the world – the San Joaquin Valley. The San Joaquin Valley is the richest agricultural land in the world, which is why Fresno County had been for decades the number one agriculture county in the world. Over 250 different crops are grown in the County and agriculturists from around the world come here to farm. Bound on the east by the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Coastal Mountain Range on the west, this 90-mile wide desert valley is richly watered by runoff from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The gems of the Sierra Nevada Mountains are Kings Canyon, Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks that are an easy drive from Fresno. Please visit <http://www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com/>, <http://www.nps.gov/seki/>, or <http://www.nps.gov/yose/home.htm>.

In addition to the normal workload, the 2003 46th Annual WWMA Technical Conference will offer a full schedule of training opportunities such as:

- safety classes
- confined spaces
- propane fuel safety
- taking care of your back
- crane inspections
- commercial vehicle safety inspections
- price verification, and more

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Sincerely,

Clark Cooney
WWMA President